

KATY AMERICAN LEGION POST 164
REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN WAR-
RIORS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post 164 in Katy, Texas for their efforts to honor our fallen service members this holiday season.

As Americans, we know that some of our military service members make the ultimate sacrifice to protect and preserve our way of life. The Wreaths Across America program is a solemn way to honor and remember our fallen heroes by distributing a token of our appreciation and remembrance at this time of year.

American Legion Post 164 worked incredibly hard gathering sponsors to fund their goal of placing 450 wreaths this year. They surpassed this goal in their gracious efforts to remember our fallen warriors, securing enough sponsors to fund over 500 wreaths for the Magnolia Cemetery.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank Post 164 for their valiant work to ensure our fallen service members are never forgotten during the holidays and throughout the year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I was not present to cast votes on Friday, December 6.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 652, YEA on Roll Call No. 653, and NAY on Roll Call No. 654.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE STILLWATER,
MINNESOTA ROTARY CLUB

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial anniversary of the Stillwater, Minnesota Rotary Club. Since its founding in 1919, Stillwater Rotary Club has actively advanced the mission of Rotary International by providing service to others, promoting integrity, and fostering world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Stillwater Rotary Club was begun just 14 years after Rotary International was founded by Chicago attorney Paul Harris in 1905. Community leaders in Stillwater shared a desire to serve their community in fellowship with one another, and so joined together to begin the Stillwater Rotary Club. At the time, most Rotary Clubs were located in larger cities, but

following World War I, as smaller communities like Stillwater returned to normal, they sought to refocus to improve their communities. Stillwater's club charter was sponsored by the St. Paul and Minneapolis clubs, and was formally presented to the Stillwater club on September 26, 1919. Today the club has over 60 members from diverse personal and professional backgrounds and are a part of the larger community of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.

Throughout their 100 years, the Stillwater Rotary Club has become a prominent community organization as it has chartered new clubs in the area, supported numerous local and international charities, and completed many community service projects. From its earliest years, the club made great contributions to the community, demonstrating the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". The Stillwater Club sponsored the creation of a bathhouse at Lily Lake Beach, a barge terminal in Stillwater, a tourist camp on the Saint Croix River, and a Scout cabin on Big Marine Lake. In 1927 their seven-year project of lighting Main Street in Stillwater came to fruition; a major accomplishment for the club. They also sponsored the founding of the Washington County Historical Society in 1934, a non-profit educational institution that remains active today with the mission to collect, preserve, and disseminate the vibrant history of Washington County and the greater State of Minnesota.

Today, Kathleen Elbert leads the Stillwater Rotary Club and the organization continues to be a leader in service. Their annual Taste of the Valley event raises funds for non-profit organizations like the American Cancer Society and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as local groups including Stillwater Area High School and the St. Croix Valley Learning Center. The club also takes on international service endeavors through their sponsorship of a hospital in Tanzania, construction of roads in Guatemala, and support of Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide among other initiatives.

Rotarians worldwide utilize an ethical guide called the Four-Way Test which asks the following questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? These questions are especially prescient today. Stillwater Rotarians have served their community for a century in agreement with these principles, setting an example for all of us to remember to be truthful, to be fair, to build goodwill and grow in our friendships, and to live our lives in service for others. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the members of the Stillwater Rotary Club on its 100 years of serving the community.

CITIZENSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF
MILITARY MEMBERS AND CIVIL
SERVANTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4803, the Citizenship

for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act.

I applaud Judiciary Chairman JERROLD NADLER (D-NY) and House Judiciary Ranking Member DOUG COLLINS (R-GA) for introducing this bipartisan legislation aimed to fix a problem in current citizenship laws.

The current citizenship law implemented by this Administration in October, serves as a disadvantage to certain children who are born abroad and reside with a parent serving overseas in the military or as a federal government employee.

Under current law, such children are required to establish U.S. residency in order to obtain citizenship, which can be difficult when a parent is stationed overseas.

This small but important change is the necessary fix for U.S. armed forces and in federal government positions overseas.

I am glad we could work together to introduce this bipartisan legislation that provides greater flexibility and support to those who have dedicated their careers to serving our nation.

American citizens who are deployed members of our military or government officials working abroad should have confidence their children will receive U.S. citizenship.

Military families are already making tremendous sacrifices to serve our country abroad and the children should not have to be penalized.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4803 because our military families should not have to deal with the bureaucracy of this Administration for their children to be United States citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF
CANYON GATE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Volunteer Fire Department in Canyon Gate for their heroic actions saving the lives of three pets from a burning home.

For many, pets can be a part of our families nearly as much as our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers are. Losing a pet is hard for everyone, especially in times of tragedy.

The Community Volunteer Fire Department went above and beyond in their duties to make sure a family did not have to go through that pain. While a TX-22 family was away, their house unfortunately caught fire with their three pets—a cat, a dog and a kitten—trapped on the first floor. These heroes risked their lives to ensure that these pets were reunited with their families in the face of disaster.

We send our heartfelt appreciation to the Community Volunteer Fire Department and all our firefighters in TX-22 who put their lives on the line each and every day to rescue those in danger—be they people or pets. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, they make our community very proud.